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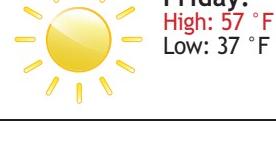
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'Can I Kiss You?' speaker emphasizes importance of consent

Sid Arguello
staff writer

Speaker and activist Mike Domitrovic talked to students about respecting others' boundaries and the issue of rape, including personal accounts and humor in his presentation on Tuesday in the Grand Ballroom of the K-State Student Union.

"When I was in college, my sister was assaulted, and a year later I heard a speaker and that made me realize that I could use my voice to speak out," Domitrovic said. "That's how 'Can I Kiss You?' began."

Domitrovic has presented "Can I Kiss You?" to thousands

of listeners and students over the course of two decades.

The presentation, which was hosted by Wildcats Against Rape and the K-State Women's Center, centers on Domitrovic's message to ask before acting.

"I've been doing programs in school, and that's how it grew," Domitrovic said. "It was not always 'Can I Kiss You?' but for the last decade it has been 'Can I Kiss You?'"

The presentation revolved around three main points. Domitrovic stressed the importance of a gender-neutral presentation because he said that the situations depicted during the program could happen to either gender.

If the person being asked responds, "No," Domitrovic said that

Domitrovic pointed out to the audience that asking someone, "Can I kiss you?" saves time and makes the event of the kiss more exciting.

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Emily DeShazer | Collegian

Mike Domitrovic talks to the audience about why it is important to ask before you do, and understanding "no" means no with Charly Daovannay, senior in finance, and Kayla Green, freshman in secondary education sitting on stage Tuesday night in the K-State Student Ballroom.



Fair trade provides ethical shopping option

Nicolas Wahl
staff writer

This afternoon, K-State students and Manhattan residents will have the opportunity to get out of the cold while shopping for a variety of handmade items marketed with the well-being of the artisans who produced them in mind.

The Fair Trade Marketplace, which kicked off Tuesday morning in the K-State Union Courtyard and will run until around 5 p.m. today, showcased a wide array of fair trade items, ranging from jewelry and handmade clothing to coffee and chocolate sold by a plethora of fair trade vendors.

The fair trade movement aims to improve worker conditions in developing countries and to ensure that workers receive fair pay for their labor in the international market.

"I support the idea of fair trade," said Ayrika Bennett, senior in social work. "They also have some cool stuff, things that make great gifts for family members. They're unique items, and it helps other people out."

Alexis Fleener, junior in community and regional planning, helped plan the event in partnership with the Ecumenical Campus Ministry after serving as a student volunteer for last year's Fair Trade Marketplace. She said that the fair trade movement not only enables fair labor practices, but it also gives customers a certain satisfaction not available by shopping at chain stores.

"People are starting to really research where their goods are coming from," Fleener said. "They want that connection and interest. I think it means more to them when they buy things."

The fair trade movement rests on a con-

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Evert Nelson | Collegian

Alex Davis, sophomore in psychology, looks over items at the nonprofit Ten Thousand Villages booth at the Fair Trade market in the K-State Student Union Courtyard on Tuesday afternoon.



Powercat Financial advises students to shop wisely for holidays



Zach Foley
staff writer

Powercat Financial Counseling hosted a Thrifty Gifting event Tuesday in the K-State Student Union to educate students on saving money during the holidays. The event included food, games and a presentation on smart spending.

"[We want students to] spend wisely and make informed decisions," said DeLon Barbour, a member of Powercat Financial and junior in psychology.

Kari Christensen, senior in family studies and peer counselor for Powercat

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Jordan Wegele | Collegian

Stacey Newton, senior in hotel and restaurant management, spins the prize wheel at the Thrifty Gifting event held in the K-State Union on Tuesday afternoon. Powercat Financial Counseling organized the event to give students tips on saving and spending wisely during the winter holidays.

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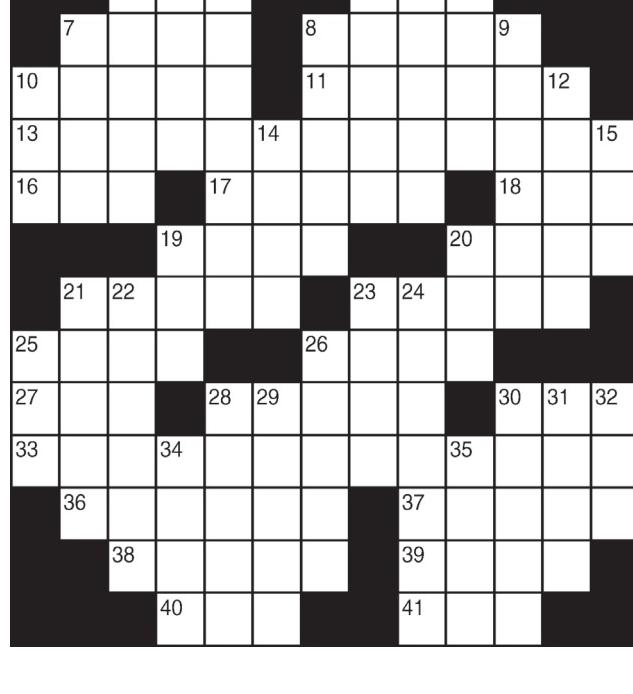
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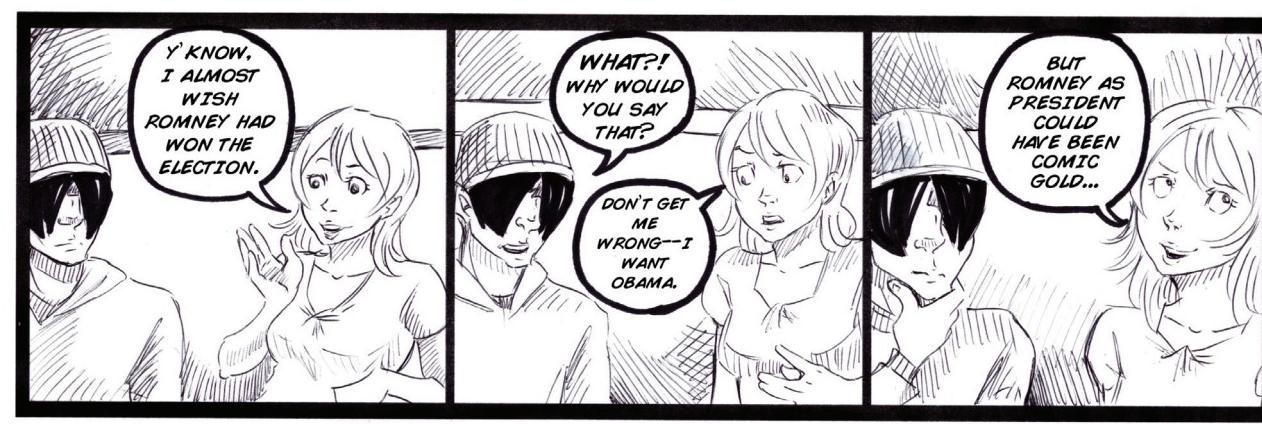


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ARREST REPORTS

Monday, Nov. 12

Terry Lee Hendrick, of Ogden, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license and driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$2,250.

Ulrike Barbara Beyer, of Ogden, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$399.

Compiled by Katie Goerl

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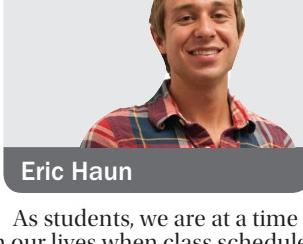
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money

Small budget changes can lead to long-term savings



Eric Haun

As students, we are at a time in our lives when class schedules and campus activities allow us little time to work and earn a paycheck, so we must be careful with the small amount of money we do have. By spending our money on things that we value, we can gain extra satisfaction from the hard-earned dollars we spend because the spending is going toward

activities that enhance our lives and reflect what we believe.

If you want to lead a healthy lifestyle but 45 percent of your monthly budget goes toward eating out with friends, you may need to get your spending back on track. Look for alternative activities to do with friends that align with your values (in this case, living a healthy lifestyle), such as suggesting a game of Frisbee golf or trip to the Rec. If you value family but can't afford gas to visit home because you're broke by the second week of the month, set aside enough to get you home one or two times per quarter and don't touch that money for anything else.

I decided this year that I would

not bring a vehicle to campus. Not only was a vehicle costing me money that could be saved or better spent elsewhere, but it wasn't a valuable part of my life in Manhattan. I used to find myself getting in my car to run small errands that could have been accomplished by walking, or, worse, driving around town just for the sake of driving.

Now, I am more thoughtful about my schedule, plan ahead for necessary trips and can catch rides with friends, which just adds to time I can spend with people I enjoy. Of course, I always have some of that extra money to share with the kind friends who are willing to have me in their cars. Without the expense of a car, I

can save around \$200 a semester.

To get started adjusting your spending habits, you need a budget to help show where you're already spending your money. You can download a budget template by Allos Investment Advisors at allosofinvestment.com/resources or use apps like Mint.com on your smartphone to track your spending. Then, take 10 minutes to write out things you value and want for your life. Compare the lists and see if any of your spending relates to your values. If not, try to identify areas of your spending that could be channeled away from current purchases and toward value-based purchases.

Before each purchase you

make, think about how that purchase relates to your values. If you incorporate this habit into your spending behavior while you're young and have little to no income, it will be much easier to follow when you get your first job and start spending on big ticket items like a house or a new car. This habit can help you stay on a path to financial success.

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Editor's Note: This article was completed as an assignment for a class in the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

Business beat: Sandy relief hits record high, US stock sees record lows

Darrington Clark
managing editor

Red Cross donations exceed \$100 million for Sandy relief

Superstorm Sandy relief has been given more than \$131 million through the American Red Cross, including multiple million-dollar donations from Fortune 500 companies.

The Red Cross is using the donated money to open and operate shelters for Sandy victims. Wal-Mart and PepsiCo have provided food, drinks and snacks, and 10 Fortune 500 companies have donated \$1 million, including Apple, Walt Disney, Prudential and JPMorgan Chase.

According to a CNN Money article published Tuesday, more donations have been given for Sandy victims than in any other hurricane in history except for the Hurricane Katrina relief fund, which received more than \$2.2 billion.

Windows president leaves Microsoft corporation

Steven Sinofsky, president of the Windows division of Microsoft, stepped down Monday. The news was released in a surprise announcement by Microsoft.

According to a Monday article by the New York Times, Sinofsky came to a mutual agreement about his departure with Microsoft's CEO Steven A. Ballmer. Sinofsky departs in the wake of the release of Windows 8, the newest Windows software, but it cannot be confirmed whether

Sinofsky's reasons for leaving concern Microsoft. Sinofsky had worked for Microsoft for 23 years. Meanwhile, Microsoft stock dropped 3 percent on Tuesday.

All further Windows action and initiatives will be directed by Julie Larson-Green, another employee in the Windows division.

Google advertising revenue more than that of all U.S. newspapers combined

According to information compiled by Google, the Newspaper Association of America and Slate.com, Google advertisement revenue now completely dwarfs that of all newspapers in the country combined.

In 2010, Google's ad revenue officially overtook that of the country's newspapers, coming in at almost \$30 billion. From then on, Google's ad revenue has increased while that of newspapers continually decreases.

Google has been criticized for the changes in revenue as the company represents itself as a partner of print newspapers, and should Google's revenue continue to increase, it could serve as a cause for the bankruptcy of more American newspapers.

Current statistics do not include online newspaper revenue.

U.S. stock hits three-month low in shadow of fiscal cliff, Greek debt

The Dow Jones industrial average and Nasdaq both closed lower than they had in three months on Tuesday,



Photo courtesy of Reuters
Steven Sinofsky, former president of the Windows division of Microsoft, was last publicly seen demonstrating the functions of the new Microsoft tablet and Windows 8. Sinofsky's departure from Microsoft was a surprise to the public and is rumored to have caused Microsoft stock to decrease Tuesday.

likely due to investor fear of the fiscal cliff and Greek economy uncertainty. Dow Jones closed Tuesday 0.5 percent lower and Nasdaq closed 0.7 percent lower.

Europe postponed \$40

billion in aid to Greece for use in stock trading in order to help stabilize the Greek economy, resulting in uneven trading and massive gains and losses, according to reports from both USA Today and the

L.A. Times.

U.S. investors also contributed to the trading oddity because no clear compromise seems to be coming from the government concerning the fiscal cliff.

The threat of massive tax deficit being imposed at the beginning of next year has heavily and negatively impacted stock prices for major Dow and Nasdaq companies.

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'Borderlands 2' addictive to first-person shooter fans

"Borderlands 2"

★★★★★

Video game review
by Michael Pagels

When looking at video game profits for 2012, it's hard to overlook video game giant 2K. Founded in 2005, 2K is one of the leading game developers in the world. With the release of "Borderlands 2" on Sept. 18, 2K's parent company, Take-Two Interactive, has boosted its profits 108 percent over last year, having sold more than five million copies of "Borderlands 2" already.

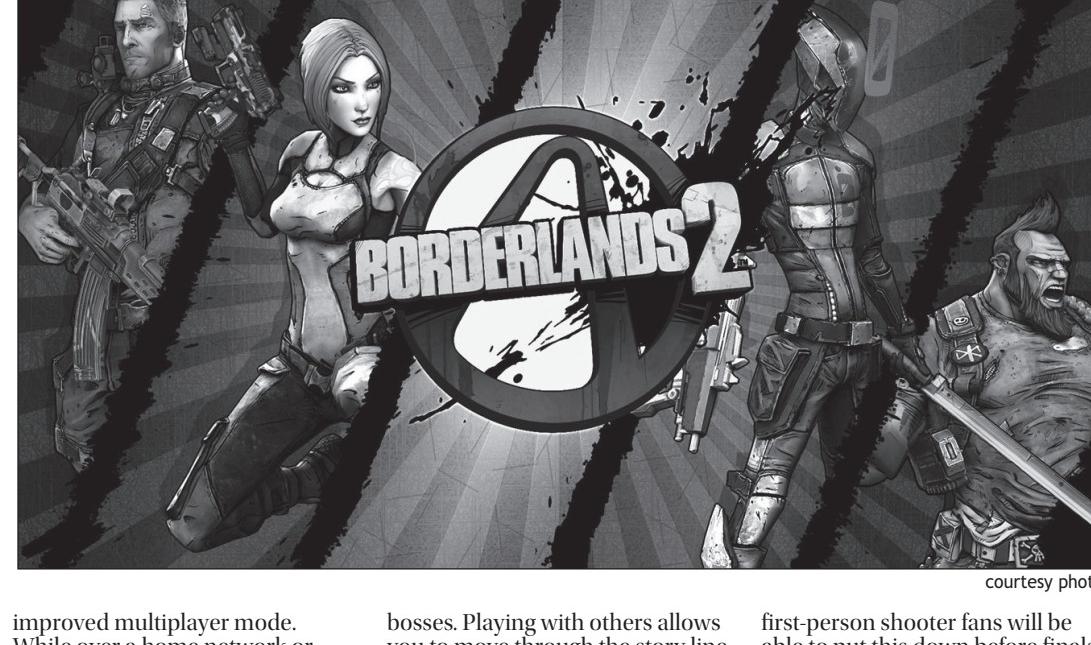
"Borderlands 2" is a fast-moving first person shooter with only one goal in mind: loot. With a campaign that allows up to four people to complete quests together, players get sucked in by the need for more powerful weapons and armor. The sequel kept the original's high definition pastel graphics while creating more varied and interactive environments, ranging from bandit-filled deserts to snow-capped mountains.

As a Vault Hunter, you and your allies must defeat the evil Handsome Jack, a narcissistic

mastermind bent on stopping you and your fellow hunters in your race for rare items. After two play-throughs, it's still hard for me to set down the controller; the game is taking over the better part of my semester. The thrill of the explosive action, accompanied by a humor streak a mile wide, is second only to the compelling story line.

The story, however, is not always what it seems. In your never-ending quest for new items, you're thrown into an alliance with some of the worst scum on the planet Pandora. Whether it's the incest-drawn mechanic Scooter, Mad Moxxi with her arenas of death or Sir Hammerlock the animal-hater, you are pitted against Handsome Jack by mere context. Because your character becomes friends with these miscreants at the beginning of the game, you come to see Handsome Jack as the antagonist although it is evident that he is actually trying to stop the bandits that keep wreaking havoc on the locals. This is fine, though, because you are paid well and readily while fighting the ever-vigilant Handsome Jack.

The most intriguing part of "Borderlands 2" is the much



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improved multiplayer mode. While over a home network or online, players can seamlessly join together to complete all of the quests in Pandora. With each new ally gained, your enemies get stronger, and players must work as a team to take down the different

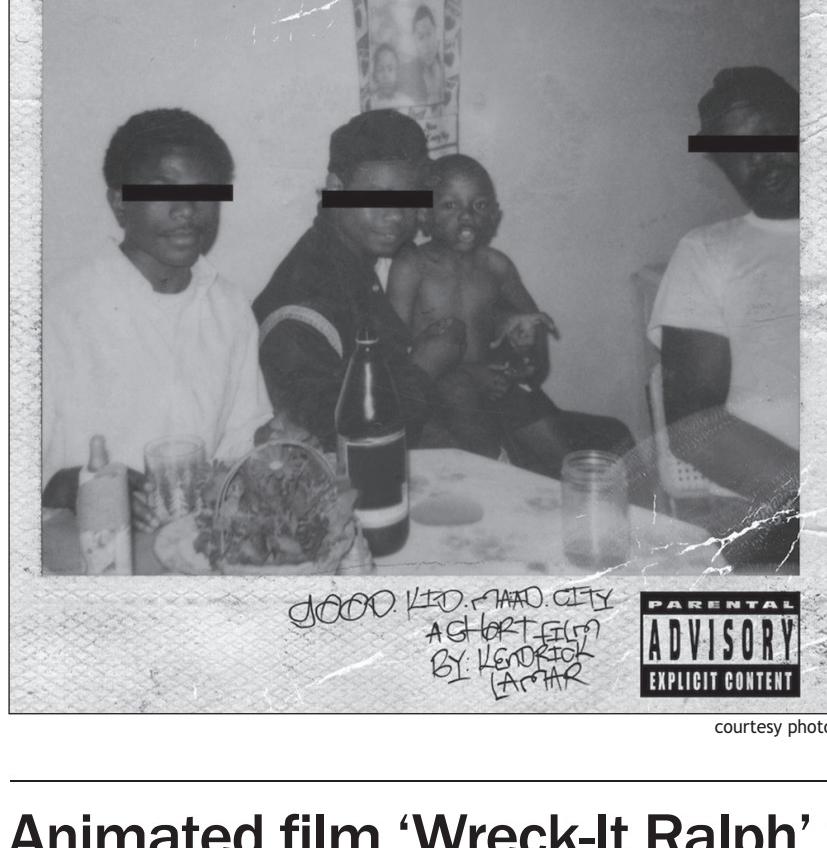
bosses. Playing with others allows you to move through the story line faster, giving you the most opportunities for new items.

With the increasingly intricate campaign and all the epics to entice you, "Borderlands 2" lives up to its hype. Hopefully, hardcore

first-person shooter fans will be able to put this down before finals. I give "Borderlands 2" 4.5 out of 5 stars.

Michael Pagels is a senior in social science. Please send comments to edge@kstatecollegian.com.

Kendrick Lamar's 'good kid, m.A.A.d city' a potential classic worthy of hype



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"good kid, m.A.A.d city"

★★★★★

Album review by Chris Harrison

Kendrick Lamar's first album released on a major label, "good kid, m.A.A.d city," occupies a unique space in the music world. It's one of the rare concept albums in hip-hop that actually works and sticks very closely to the story Lamar intended to tell.

The bulk of the album is told from the perspective of a teenage Lamar as he struggles to avoid the dangers and pitfalls of his native Compton, Calif., a city plagued by widespread gang violence. The album is a lyrical showcase and he flexes his storytelling abilities throughout.

Lamar displays an uncommon ability to immerse the listener in the scene he's describing. In many cases, it's the little details that make his lyrics special. On "The Art of Peer Pressure," one of the album's standout tracks, he raps, "It's 2:30 and the sun's beaming/Air conditioner broke and I hear my stomach scream-

ing," providing insight into his mindset as he sets up the rest of the verse. In the song, Lamar laments how he was pushed out of his comfort zone by friends from his neighborhood and would get in dangerous situations to fit in with them. He ends the second verse with "I've never been violent, until I'm with the homies," as the haunting instrumental drops out.

The lone track with a feature is "Money Trees," which features a member of Lamar's Black Hippy collective, Jay Rock, not content with hanging in the background while the other three members earn accolades, spits one of the best verses of his career. He paints a bleak picture of the Compton projects, posing the question: "What else is a thug to do when you eatin' cheese from the government?"

Lamar gets a co-sign and guest verse from Compton legend MC Eiht on "m.A.A.d city," one of the best rap songs of the year. Lamar's intense first verse is backed by dramatic strings and deep bass before shifting to a second instrumental for verse two. The latter half of the song has the vibe of classic West Coast gangsta rap,

as Lamar describes hitting rock bottom in vivid detail.

"Swimming Pools (Drank)" addresses the alcohol abuse that tore Lamar and his family apart as well as his internal struggle with his own conscience. It's surprisingly heavy subject matter for a song that rose rapidly up the charts. It manages to be catchy without watering down its content.

"Compton" is Lamar's ode to the city that raised him, featuring long-time mentor Dr. Dre. With Just Blaze on the boards, the song is an absolute banger. Lamar and Dre go back and forth on the track, expressing their pride in their neighborhood and for being the ones to "take Compton international."

I give "good kid, m.A.A.d city" 5 out of 5 stars. It is a sophomore debut worthy of its hype and will help establish Kendrick Lamar as one of the leaders of a new generation of rappers. Only time will tell, but I believe this release has the potential to be a classic album.

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Animated film 'Wreck-It Ralph' masterfully done, appeals to wide audience

"Wreck-It Ralph"

★★★★★

Movie review by Haley Williams

The trailer for Disney's newest animated film "Wreck-It Ralph" showed promise as a nostalgic film about our favorite video game characters, with a "Toy Story"-like quality in which characters come to life when humans leave. However, the film offers so much more than a good old trip down memory lane. It has an emotional and well-developed plot line that is sensational.

"Wreck-It Ralph" is about a video game villain who is tired of his job and wants to become the hero. He sets out into the arcade to visit different video games in an attempt to find himself, creating havoc along the way.

The large cast of characters is fun, but surprisingly not as overwhelming as one would expect. Story lines are

broken up enough that the audience doesn't get confused, but intertwined so they are not impossible to keep track of.

The friendship between Ralph and the young girl Vanellope is touching and comparable to Boo and Sulley from "Monsters, Inc." It will warm your heart but will also break it a little, too, so come prepared with some tissues.

An all-star comedic cast really carries the film and its great moments. Highly acclaimed comedians such as John C. Reilly, Sarah Silverman and Jane Lynch can be heard voicing these dynamic video game characters.

The attention to detail is one of the most compelling aspects of this film, as characters travel from video game to video game while still keeping the characteristics of their own game. For example, the characters of the Fix-It Felix game have more broken-up movements because it is an older

game.

Much of the comedy is pulled from the elements of the video games themselves. Every scene is so seamlessly put together that little details were left out to keep viewers' eyes moving in order to catch all the different video game references implanted in each scene.

"Wreck-It Ralph" is the highest grossing debut Walt Disney Animation production in history according to EW.com. It topped the box office its opening weekend with \$49.1 million. If that doesn't speak for the movie's success, then not much else will.

The movie made me laugh and truly broke my heart at moments. Also, all the different parts of the movie come together wonderfully at the end in a way that warms your heart like every Disney movie should.

People looking for video game nostalgia will definitely be pleased with "Wreck-It Ralph"; however, those



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who are not video game enthusiasts will not be left behind because the story line can be connected to and enjoyed by everyone. I give "Wreck-It Ralph" 4.5 out of 5 stars. It is the must-

Haley Williams is a senior in fine arts. Please send comments to edge@kstatecollegian.com.

Strong female lead takes manga series to new level

"Kaichou Wa Maid-sama!"

★★★★★

Manga review by Kate Haddock

Misaki Ayuzawa is a shamelessly overachieving high school girl. She gets the top grades in her class, helps take care of her mother and sister and has earned the esteemed position of Student Council President at Seika High, a former all-boys school that recently began accepting girls. Misaki's life seems perfect on the outside, but there is one secret she fears the rowdy boys she commands may discover: she works for a cosplay cafe in an adorable maid costume to order to support her family.

This is the background of the manga series "Kaichou Wa Maid-sama!" also known as "The President is a Maid!" The ongoing series by Hiro Fujiwara began in 2005 and follows Misaki as she tries to hide her secret.

Things get considerably more difficult for her when the very popular and good-looking Takumi Usui discovers her in

her maid outfit after school. Usui surprises Misaki when he chooses to keep her secret to himself, despite his reputation as a cruel boy and a heartbreaker. The story follows the two as their relationship develops and Misaki fights against both outside forces and her male classmates to gain respect and to make her school great.

Misaki is the major reason I love this manga series. She is one of the strongest female leads I have seen in an ongoing manga for quite some time. Misaki doesn't take no for an answer and she commands her subordinates with an iron grip in order to increase Seika's reputation. Not only is she a tough lady, but she also has the respect of her classmates, especially Usui, who can't help but notice her determined attitude.

Although this series is a romance in general, it does not rely on clichés or common plot devices. Misaki never plays the damsel in distress. When someone tries to kidnap her, she beats them up herself before her white knight even gets there. She is intellectually capable, and it takes a brilliant strategist to climb to her level. Misaki does not need Usui to



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take care of her, and he can take care of himself as well. The beauty of their relationship is the equality between them and the amount of respect they have for each other.

This manga series is a refreshing read for those of us searching for a strong heroine we can truly respect. "Kaichou Wa Maid-sama!" does the

romance well without ruining the character of its heroine. It is serialized by Tokyopop and is currently in Volume 15. I give this manga 5 out of 5 stars for its strong and creative main character.

Kate Haddock is a sophomore in English. Please send comments to edge@kstatecollegian.com.

'Flight' fails to live up to expectations

See www.kstatecollegian.com for a review of 'Flight' by Mandy Mulich, who wishes she had waited to watch it on DVD



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it is important to respect that answer and not ask questions like, "Why not?"

"I think it is a lot less awkward to ask someone if you can kiss them than one would think," said Courtney Schmitz, senior in family studies. "I think it would be a lot less awkward than just going for the kiss."

Domitz pointed out that, at parties, there always seems to be a "creeper" looking for a hook-up. He described a hypothetical scenario between two people at a party named Jordan and Erin. If Jordan was visibly trying to make a move on Erin, who was under the influence of alcohol, Domitz asked the audience whether they would intervene, knowing that Erin was not safe.

The audience responded unanimously, saying they would intervene.

Domitz explained how important it is to protect those who could be in the Jordan/Erin scenario by detailing the way in which his sister was a survivor of sexual assault. Schmitz said Domitz's message about the label of "victim" strongly affected her.

"The most powerful part that gave me the chills was when he talked about how survivors of sexual assault are strong and powerful people, when a lot of times they are thought of just as victims when it is really the opposite," Schmitz said. "They are strong. They survive, and can live extremely successful lives,

and I think he really proved that point without making people feel uncomfortable."

Domitz's final point advised the audience on how to present a strong front for loved ones who are survivors of assault. While presenting the Jordan/Erin scenario, Domitz asked the audience to think of someone they love and simultaneously think about Erin's situation.

Noelle Remy, senior in criminology, said it is important that people let their friends and family know that they have their support in cases of sexual assault.

"I thought that it was extremely amazing that he encouraged people to open the door for others, and that it should be discussed and it should be a conversation between friends and family," Remy said. "Knowing that you have the support system is extremely important."

Domitz asked the audience to call the loved ones they had thought of and two others after the presentation to let them know that they have support.

"I think one thing I would love to see the most is people intervening and stopping the Jordan scenario, because I could see a lot of people not get involved," Remy said. "I think that it's great not just to ask but to also have the confidence to say, 'No.'"

Domitz emphasized that his sister's courage and strength helped him speak out about sexual assault.

"We are very close, and I am very blessed," Domitz said.

FAIR | Event promotes global trade community

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nection made between vendors and those who produce the goods.

"In my articular business, I go out and find artisans that are already producing, say, jewelry or scarves," said Zoe Shumm, co-founder of 4 All Humanity, an Internet-based apparel label that sells fair trade goods made by artisans in Uganda and India. "I'll say, 'I know your skillset is in this,' and I show them my designs. When they produce the items, we offer them access to the Western market."

While Shumm has not had the opportunity to travel and

meet those who have made her designs reality, Karen Pickett has made numerous visits to Guatemala as founder and executive director of the nonprofit Christian fair trade organization Education and More, based in Burlingame, Kan. Pickett said she has seen firsthand many of the positive effects the fair trade movement can bring about.

"I go down there about four times a year," Pickett said. "Our board of directors goes down various times too, so every trip we've got directors going down. We help sponsor students and help the local schools in educating their children."

Janet Zook, who has worked with the nonprofit fair trade organization Ten Thousand Villages for nearly 30 years, said the lack of corporate competition in the fair trade market has been a "good thing." Ten Thousand Villages, one of the largest fair trade organizations in the country, has over 100 stores across the country and has been in operation since 1947.

Marcus Grimes, junior in social sciences, hopes that the fair trade movement will help spread the message of a global community.

"I think it's helped, but there are still a lot of people unaware," Grimes said. "I hope

people do spread the word. For me it's only recently came to light; I think it will continue to get better and receive more exposure from here on out."

Lingjun Fang, student volunteer and junior in hospitality management, who is from China, had an international perspective on the realities of unfair labor practices and the opportunities fair trade brings.

"China is still a developing country," Fang said. "People need to work, but they have to work in bad conditions with low wages. It's good to learn about companies like these and hope more work conditions become like these ones."

SHOP | Counselors discuss credit card problems

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Financial led a presentation about budgeting for the holidays.

"It's a happy and joyful time of year, and no one wants to think about debt," Christensen said.

She encouraged students to set aside money each month and open up a separate savings account to buy holiday gifts.

"Purchase gifts throughout the year, instead of the night before Christmas," Christensen said.

The reins of the presentation were then handed over to Heather Gibson, senior in agribusiness, to discuss reducing

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Kari Christensen
senior in family studies
peer counselor for Wildcat Financial Counseling

costs during the season. Gibson's tips included creating a detailed shopping list, making a budget and setting a price limit for each gift.

"Gifts don't have to be big-ticket items," Gibson said.

Another way to save, she said, is to buy decorations out of season at steep discounts,

ficult for students under 21 to get a line of credit without a cosigner or proof of significant income, according to Henderson.

"Signing up for a bunch of department store credit cards all at once can knock your credit score down," Henderson said.

The presentation ended with peer counselors advising students to plan ahead and create budgets to make the holidays less stressful.

Attendees then participated in a Christmas-themed game of Family Feud with prizes that included Country Stampede tickets and gift certificates to QuikCats.

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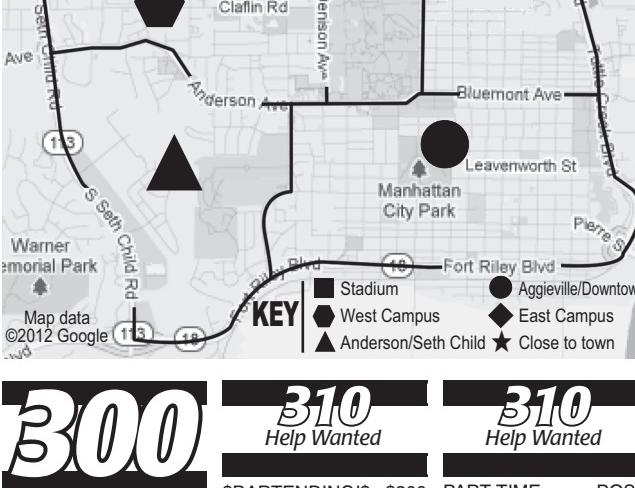
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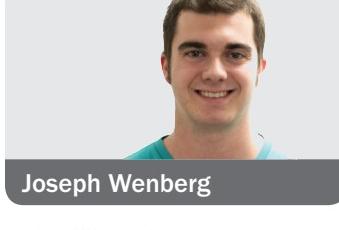
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Coaches' injury policies still a hot topic



Joseph Wenberg

I've followed K-State sports, especially football, since I was a little kid. Years have gone by, players have come and gone, but one thing remains constant — head coach Bill Snyder and his policies.

One of Snyder's policies that has hindered journalists over the years is his policy on reporting injuries. Staying true to the Snyder way, he politely declines to comment on specifics regarding injuries, and having watched the 'Cats for many years, I cannot

imagine Snyder ever spilling the beans on a player's injury.

Snyder isn't alone in this conquest to protect injury confidentiality. Chip Kelly, head coach of the Oregon Ducks, has the same policy and chooses not to release information on team injuries. Recently, however, the Pac-12 Conference has begun looking into mandating injury reporting for the entire conference in an NFL-style manner. This has become a hot-button issue in the Pac-12 this season and would require teams to disclose whether or not a player is "questionable," "doubtful" or "out."

Seeing as Kelly and Snyder have the same policy when dealing with injuries, I wouldn't doubt if this battle the Pac-12 is fighting worked its way across the Rockies into Big 12 country. Fans and journalists alike face the constant

questions of whether or not players like Tyler Lockett and Ty Zimmerman, who suffered injuries against TCU this past weekend, will be in the next game — or even in the rest of the season.

I know Snyder most likely won't change his injury policy and will fight mandated injury reporting if the issue makes its way to the Big 12, but I think it might lighten the burden of constant questioning by media about the status of big players when the team is in the national spotlight.

If this mandate brought one benefit, it would be that it creates a competitive advantage for the team with the information on the injury. For example, when Collin Klein was taken out of the game against Oklahoma State the week before last, it called into question his ability to play against TCU this past weekend, leaving the Horned

Frogs uncertain as to how to plan their defense.

There is an argument for either side of the issue. Requiring teams to report the status of injured players might give opposing teams a competitive advantage, which some will construe as either genius or corrupt. The mandate also raises endless questions from journalists and reporters about a team that has soared to No. 1 in the BCS with a quarterback leading the Heisman Trophy race. At this point, I would argue that mandating injury reporting isn't necessary, but this is the beginning of a conversation that will most likely become a bigger issue in seasons to come.

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VOLLEYBALL

Wildcats look for season sweep of Cyclones

Mark Kern
sports editor

Coming off of a sweep over the TCU Horned Frogs, the Wildcats (21-5, 8-5 Big 12 Conference) will look for their second win of the season over the Iowa State Cyclones (16-7, 9-3) today in Ames, Iowa, at 5 p.m.

In the first match between the two teams on Oct. 3, everything went the Wildcats' way as they knocked off the Cyclones in three sets.

That win snapped a eight-match losing streak that started in 2008. If the Wildcats are going to pull off the season sweep by defeating Iowa State tonight, they are going to have to find a way to slow down the Cyclones' sophomore outside hitter Victoria Hurt.

Hurt has taken her game to the next level this season, averaging 3.65 kills per set in Big 12 play, which ranks fourth in the Big 12.

She stands at 6 feet 2 inches and is a very explosive athlete. When hitting the ball, she has one thing on her mind: hitting with power. She will put the pressure on the Wildcats' defense, who have done a very good job of digging the ball out this season.

K-State junior defensive specialist Tristan McCarty has shown an ability to slow down a great offensive attack. Last season, she had 15 digs in the Wildcats' second-round upset over Nebraska in the NCAA tournament. McCarty is the type of player who might not have big stats, but she is critical to the team and needs to have a big game for the Wildcats to beat the Cyclones.

Both teams are vying for the chance to host the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament, and a win could greatly boost either team's chances. Today's match is also very significant in terms of Big 12 standings as the Wildcats still have a good chance of finishing second in the Big 12.

With all of these implications, look for a very intense match with both teams giving maximum effort. First serve is scheduled for 5 p.m. in Ames, Iowa, and will be aired on ESPNU.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

On road to Big Apple, K-State crushes Chargers

Adam Suderman
staff writer

The Bruce Weber era continues to take shape, and it's hard to imagine K-State getting off to a much better start.

With a trip to the preseas NIT semifinals and finals up for grabs, K-State asserted its dominance early and often against Alabama-Huntsville on its way to a 87-26 victory.

The Wildcat defense smothered the Huntsville offense, holding the Chargers to 4-of-28 first-half shooting from the field and 1-of-15 from beyond the arc.

K-State's 47-11 lead tied the largest scoring margin at halftime in Bramlage Coliseum history, and the Wildcats' final 61-point lead comes close to tying the greatest differential in team history. The previous score was set in 1991 against Delaware State.

Coming off of an upset win against North Texas, the Chargers came in with confidence that was quickly doused by the Wildcats.

"Our pressure really hurt them," head coach Bruce Weber said. "For them to play the late game last night probably took a little bit of a toll on them. An emotional win, and we kind of jumped on them right away. We're good if we do the things we do well."

Alabama-Huntsville head coach Lennie Acuff said the relentless pressure of the Wildcats took a serious toll on the already weak energy of his team following last night's win.

Acuff came away impressed with what he saw from the regional host team and had big compliments for the Wildcats.

"Now I'll say this, we have played several games against teams at that level," Acuff said. "That's the best defensive team I've ever seen. They are rock-solid defensively."

Sophomore guard Angel Rodriguez continued to establish an offensive presence, hitting double digits for the third consecutive game. Rodriguez finished the night with 10 points and five rebounds.

K-State held an obvious front court advantage and manhandled its NCAA Division-2 opponent, finishing with a 55-22 advantage on the glass and a 44-8 scoring lead in the paint.

"The rebounding has been another thing we've been pretty good at," Weber said. "We made so many shots today; we didn't have as many offensive rebounds."

Junior guard Shane Southwell had his best game of the season, scoring 16 points on 6-of-8 shooting from the field and 4-of-5 from beyond the 3-point line.

The Wildcats' upcoming game against the University of Delaware will take place in Madison Square Garden. Southwell said the chance to play in Madison Square is as good as it gets and an added advantage to Southwell, who is a New Yorker himself.

"It's going to be big for me to play in front of my mother," Southwell said. "She was here today, but it'll be for free. It'll be about a 10-minute ride for her, and to play in front of my friends."

The Wildcats will continue regular season play against North Florida in Bramlage Coliseum on Nov. 18 at 1 p.m. They will play the Delaware Hens at Madison Square Garden on Nov. 21 at 6 p.m.

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Junior guard Omari Lawrence dunks the ball during the Wildcats' overwhelming 87-26 win over the Alabama-Huntsville Chargers during the NIT Season Tip-Off Midwest Regional Championship on Tuesday night in Bramlage Coliseum. Tuesday's victory means the Wildcats advance to the NIT Season Tip-Off semifinals in New York City. K-State will play the Delaware Hens next Thursday at 6 p.m. at Madison Square Garden.

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Snyder answers questions about Klein, superstition

Corbin McGuire
staff writer

Bill Snyder sat in front of the media Tuesday with a K-State team ranked No. 1 in the Bowl Championship Series for the first time to talk about the Wildcats' upcoming game against Baylor.

However, Snyder ended up answering more questions about jinxes, the past and individual awards than about the Bears' potent offense.

This year's Snyder-led team is his second team to reach a 10-0 record; K-State's 1998 team famously lost its national title hopes to Texas A&M in the Big 12 Championship game.

Michael Bishop played quarterback during that 1998 run and finished runner-up in Heisman Trophy voting to Texas running back Ricky Williams. Snyder said that while Bishop and Collin Klein both had tremendous leadership abilities, Klein's leadership is a more complete package.

"People responded to him because he made plays and because he was extremely athletic," Snyder said of Bishop's leadership. "There's that same feeling about Collin, I think, but Collins leadership goes beyond that."

Snyder further differentiated Klein's leadership as occurring both on and off the field.

"He just has more — I don't even have the right words for it, I guess, but they respond to him not only by what he does but what he addresses them about and in areas other than just football," Snyder said. "And Michael's thing was just kind of on the football field."

Klein, who was recently listed as one of 15 "Players to Watch" for the 2012 Walter Camp Player of the Year Award, also earned the honor of being featured on the cover of the latest issue of Sports Illustrated — an honor that comes attached with the superstitious baggage of a jinx.

Snyder said he had not heard Klein was on the cover of SI and that he doesn't know if his team is superstitious.

"Collectively? Probably not," Snyder said. "Individually? Perhaps so. I don't know."

Joining the long list of Wildcats with awards, senior defensive end Meshak Williams extended the team's now four-week streak of earning Big 12 Player of the Week.

Williams earned the defensive honor after recording two sacks in last Saturday's game against TCU while racking up career highs in tackles and tackles-for-loss with seven and three, respectively.

Snyder said he especially appreciates when positions that commonly go unnoticed, like the defensive or offensive line, receive accolades.

"I appreciate it when some of the unsung youngsters get recognized, and again, it's all about how you respond to it," Snyder said. "I like to think that Meshak, like the other youngsters that we have in our program who have won some type of recognition, will handle it well."

The buzz created by the Wildcats' current season has undoubtedly increased their fan base's appreciation, something that Snyder said he stresses to his players.

"I want our players to understand that they do have the capacity to have a positive impact on the lives of others, just like the veterans that they didn't know anything about," Snyder said, referring to the message he addressed to his team on Veterans Day. "I'm not trying to equate the sacrifices of someone that lays their life down for their nation to someone playing a silly game, but by the same token, I want them to understand it's important for them to be appreciative of the people that generally care about what they do."